

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 10-12 have been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled. No new claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-12 are currently pending in the application.

35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by EP 0871 034 (EP '034). This rejection is traversed as follows.

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the calibration information, first quality control information and second quality control information as recited in the claims. It is submitted that EP '034 does not disclose the feature of simultaneously displaying calibration information, first quality control information and second quality control information on a same screen as recited in the pending claims.

The Examiner states on page 2 of the Office Action that EP '034 discloses second quality control information containing an average value and a standard deviation value. However, EP '034 does not disclose calculating a standard deviation value based upon a group of measurement data obtained by measuring the quality control sample for a same measurement item in a plurality of measurement channels (see column 9, line 50 to column 10, line 11). Furthermore, EP

'034 does not disclose that the calibration information includes at least measurement data of the calibration sample, first quality control information including at least measurement data of a quality control sample, and second quality control information including at least a standard deviation value simultaneously on a same screen.

Applicants disagree with the Examiner's contention that Fig. 22 of EP '034 shows a calibration button that calibrates now, which would display measurement data as seen in Fig. 4. Fig. 4 does not show measurement data of the calibration sample, but shows an elapsed time/calibration interval on the display area 410. The values of the elapsed time/calibration interval are not the same as measurement data of the calibration sample.

Applicants also disagree with the Examiner's statement that EP '034 discloses second quality control information as seen in Fig. 22, labeled "Control-2". "Control-2" merely specifies a quality control sample such as the identification number ID, lot number LOT, and the rack number which contains the sample. Therefore, "Control-2" of Fig. 22 is completely different from the second quality control information according to the present invention which includes at least a standard deviation value. As such, it is submitted that the

pending claims patentably define the present invention over the cited art.

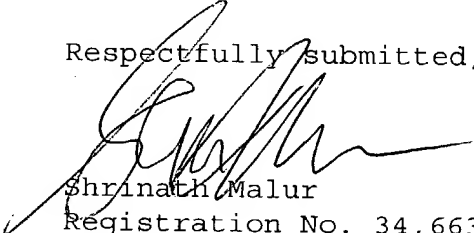
Request for Interview

Applicants request that the Examiner conduct an interview with the undersigned prior to the issuance of a subsequent Office Action. In this regard, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to arrange an appropriate time for the interview.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

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